

REMARKS

Claims 12-83, 84-87, 96 and 97 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-14 of USP No. 6,728,475. This rejection is respectfully traversed, as Applicants maintain that claims 12-83, 84-87, 96 and 97 are patentably distinct over claims 1-14 of USP No. 6,728,475 for at least the arguments of record. In any event, solely in order to expedite prosecution, a terminal disclaimer is attached hereto for obviating this rejection. The terminal disclaimer is being filed without prejudice as to the aforementioned patentable distinction between claims 12-83, 84-87, 96 and 97 of the present application and claims 1-14 of USP No. 6,728,475.

Claims 98-102 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 20-25 of copending Application No. 11/090,034. As this rejection is merely provisional, it will be addressed when one of the referenced applications matures into a patent.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

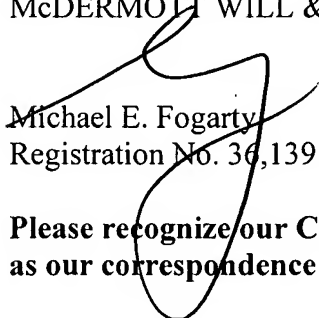
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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